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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

\*. Politics are warming up a little. It is going to be the same old scramble for office and power if the people don't take a hand.

\*. We regret to hear of the serious illness of Senator Payne, of Lincoln county. He has gone to New York for medical treatment.

\*. Hill has made another speech. He said he "was a Democrat," but he didn't define his position on silver and other financial reform.

\*. The time is drawing nigh for the April county meetings. Lecturers and other officers should see that the dues are collected and that full delegations be sent from the Sub-Alliances.

\*. Machpelah Alliance, of which Maj. W. A. Graham is a leading and enthusiastic member, in Lincoln county, evidently don't think the order is dead. They have just built a new and elegant hall.

\*. Fire on a ship on the ocean is a horrible thing, especially when it is loaded with cotton. One caught fire off the North Carolina coast last week. The fire was kept under control until it was run to Norfolk. The passengers didn't know the boat was on fire. The boat was relieved of passengers and sunk in the harbor, which was the best plan to put out the fire in the cotton.

\*. Messrs. Walter H. Page, editor of the *Forum*, New York; Mr. Edward H. Sanborn and Mr. Thos. P. Grasty have bought the *Manufacturers' Record*, Baltimore. The *Record* was phenomenal success under the administration of the former owners, Messrs. Richard and William Edmonds, and no doubt the new company will make it what it has been heretofore or better.

## WE MUST BE A UNIT.

At the last meeting of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union, resolutions were passed calling upon all the organizations of farmers, laborers and producers in the United States to send delegates to St. Louis, Feb. 22, 1892, for the purpose of formulating a platform upon which all could consistently stand and thus bring all our combined strength into harmonious co-operation. The great conference has been held, held at our suggestion; at our invitation. Harmony prevailed, a platform embodying more of our demands than of the demands of any other order there represented. Some little compromises were expected, but our order virtually shaped the platform. And all the organizations there represented, without a dissenting voice, voted for it. By voting for it they pledged the honor of their organization as well as their individual honor to its support. Now, brethren, to fail to stand for, speak for, contend earnestly for, and by all means vote for the carrying the principles of the St. Louis platform into the laws of the land, would be a reproach and a disgrace upon us. We called the Conference, we framed the platform; to desert it, or even to lag now in supporting it would cause our confederates and friends to lose confidence in us and re-

spect for us. If we do our duty we will vote for no man or party which in any degree shows a disposition to check our progress in this direction. We declare: "In things essential, unity;" and it is evident that unity upon this platform is essential to the success of our cause. If there be any little bickerings or strife, or personal preferences, or any political party affiliations, or any other thing in the way, let it not once be named among us; let us as one man, with one mind, bury the whole past; and as we value liberty for ourselves and wish to leave it to our offsprings, let us accept the St. Louis platform, plant ourselves squarely upon it and show to the world that this is not a matter of mere child's play with us, but a principle from which nothing can drive us. In so far as we deviate from this course, either to the right hand or to the left, we weaken our cause and strengthen the cause of the opposition. We must stand together, work together if we would succeed, or even hope to see our demands respected. If we will do this we will show our power and gain the respect of our enemies and those who continually prophesy evil of us.

## FREE WOOL.

There is a good deal of talk about free wool in Washington now. Some say that wool ought to be free. Others say that sheep raisers should be protected.

This much we know: A tariff on wool don't mean anything to the man who raises sheep. Tariff is not for the producer; it is for the manufacturer. The bounty now being paid on sugar (2 cents a pound) don't go to the man who raises the cane, the rich sugar manufacturer scoops it in. Just so with the tariff on wool. The producer gets nothing, the manufacturer gets all, the consumer foots the bill.

We see that our Congressmen have fallen into the habit of exhibiting their watches—gold, silver and Waterbury, when making tariff speeches. This may not be due to "total depravity," but some of them seem to be totally depraved, judging from their arguments. The watches do not illustrate anything, but they chronicle the time being consumed and paid for by the people who are gaining no benefit from the style of law-making now so fashionable. Reform! reform!!

## ON THE WAR PATH.

The *Charlotte Observer* (formerly the *Chronicle*) came out on the 15th gory with war paint in a political way.

After telling how the Texas and Tennessee Democracy has acted in reading all of the "crazy" Sub Treasury Democratic Alliancemen out of the party it proceeds to tell how the party in the State ought to act. And in doing so, it seems to be nearly as extreme as the Democrats of the States above named.

After getting rid of a good deal of logic along that line, it proceeds to call the politicians of the State "tenderfoots" and "cowards." We have thought all the time that some of the politicians of the State could justly be termed tenderfoots and cowards, but not in such a sweeping way. Some of the gentlemen in North Carolina who are active in politics, are men in every sense of the word. They are above low, under-hand tactics. They are willing for a reasonable and efficient platform to be put before the people. They are willing that there be something in the platform. It is the extremists like the editor of the *Observer*, who are afraid to put anything in the platform. That is what the row is about. The Democratic Alliancemen, with the help of conservative non-Allicemen, got up a very good platform in 1890. But these extreme politicians who are afraid of their shadows, have been kicking more or less ever since.

This is as we see it. We may be mistaken, but we venture the above opinion for what it is worth, and ask the public to consider it.

## DENIALS ARE IN ORDER.

Now it is Mr. E. C. Smith that is in the denying business. It is alleged that he and other gentlemen went to Washington and promised D. B. Hill a solid delegation from North Carolina on certain conditions, etc.

Mr. Smith denies the statement, but says he thinks Mr. Hill the strongest man that can be brought before the Democratic convention.

Well, we don't know how this thing is. Politics and business make mighty queer bed-fellows. The English sparrows are our only source of information. They have been unusually noisy for some time. They don't exactly know what is going on, but they evidently are suspicious. One of the sparrows came into this office not long ago and chirped out something about trades that had been made or would be made. But we don't know. Sparrows, like men, are apt to be cranky campaign years.

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## THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY AND IN THE TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

It is now perfectly evident that the people in the country have been paying more attention to the consideration of financial questions than the people of the towns and villages; therefore it is nothing but right that they should represent themselves in the various political conventions. Every fair minded man wants every intelligent view represented and not at second hand. However, wherever a man in a town or village shows he has carefully considered the financial question, those interested and instructed in the country, should see that such a man represent them. Don't be fooled however, by such as only pretend to be interested, or by such as will be converted suddenly to serious inquiry after they read this editorial. Let the late convert take a back seat until he has served a fair term of probation to see how his faith is. The people will hear a good deal of hypocritical demagoguery about trying to array one class against another. Pay no attention to it. We wish to see the town and the country both fairly and freely represented in every convention, but we don't want them to misrepresent each other.

## WAR WITH ENGLAND.

Now that there is a dim prospect of a row with England on account of the Behring Sea muddle, it is amusing to watch the antics of some newspapers. Not long ago when poor little Chili was about to get a flogging, some of these papers had on their war paint. They said, "stamp the life out of her;" "knock the stuffing out of the little hyena;" "let her know that this is the biggest country on earth;" "send the ultimatum." But now they are whining about the terrible prospect of a war with England, the bloodshed and all that. All this shows that the cowards are the ones that are so eager for war when there is no danger, but when a formidable foe appears they are ready to drop in their tracks.

All this talk about war with England is for a purpose. The object is to divert the minds of the people from the issues before them and give the money power a chance to carry on their nefarious business a little longer.

The truth of the business is that England don't want a war with this country. No country on earth will go to war with this country unless forced to do so. So you may consider this the second "war scare" for 1892; a trick gotten up for political effect.

## WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

There will be bold and clearly-defined issues before the people in the coming campaign. The people are watching parties and the favorites and the candidates, to see what will be their position. No dodging will be tolerated. The people have declared their issues and they will demand of any and all men and of the party that gets their vote, a manly and open and unequivocal expression on these issues. The Democratic party stands before the world to day seriously divided on one of these issues, and it has been parading the merits and claims of two of its champions, with the view of ascertaining which of the two is the stronger before the people. Wall street is intensely interested in the outcome. Mr. Hill has just finished a junketing tour through the South. He spoke at Roanoke, Chattanooga, Jackson, Meridian, Birmingham, and Knoxville; and the whole country, and especially the Hill wing of the party, is greatly puzzled to determine whether Mr. Hill has any issues. Will some one who has read his speeches tell us where he stands on the great issue in his own party—the silver question? What public man, before Mr. Hill, was it who won the title of "artful dodger"? Say, will some one tell us where Mr. Hill stands on the silver question? We have lots of politicians who are asking the people to vote for such a man. Clear cut issues and bold, manly men who stand on them, are what the people are demanding.

## "UNDER THE IRON HAMMER."

"Under the great iron hammer of the law, Sheriff Kirkpatrick has closed out the entire stock of goods belonging to Mr. Collier," is the way an advertisement starts out as published in a Louisiana paper.

Most of us are acquainted with these things. Failures for last year amounted to 1,700 more than for any previous year. The failures in 1892 will probably be two thousand more than for 1891.

The laws of our country authorize any person to go into business. The same laws help people to fail. They come to the rescue and sell the stock. A man's credit, his honor is gone. His family are disgraced. "He has failed," they say. People who smiled as they passed by now look the other way. The children of the man who has failed are snubbed by those of people who

have been more fortunate. Life becomes unbearable. The man who fails loses confidence in himself; the future looks dark, he has no ambition. In the meantime extravagance in governmental affairs goes on, corporations rule prices and coerce law-makers, millionaires are made by the dozen, palaces are built, paupers are countless. While reformers, men who love their country, men who are honest, brave, are striving to change these conditions, a large portion of the press, preachers from the pulpit, are silent, or else busy heaping slander and ridicule upon the heads of these patriots. Even some of the poor fools who have failed in business are ready to join the tirade against the very men who are trying to change this terrible state of affairs. In the language of our Saviour, "They know not what they do."

## A NEW GAME.

The plutocrats are determined to poison the minds of the people if they can. Leading partisan papers are being sent free as sample copies regularly to the farmers. These papers are paid for by the plutocrats.

A number of large papers are offering their papers clubbed with other papers free of charge. For instance, the price of a local paper is \$1.50 per annum. The big paper will be clubbed with that one at the same price—\$1.50 for both. In that way you get one paper free. Don't be caught by any such bait.

## DO YOUR EARS BURN?

We have a long list of those who owe us on back subscriptions, and sometimes we look over it and are surprised at the large number of good men we recognize there. And as hard times pinch us for debts we owe and we think how much easier it would be for 1,000 men to pay us \$1 each than it is for us to lose \$1,000, we can't help thinking hard thoughts. Pay up, brethren and friends, and come in a club for another year.

## AN EYE-OPENER FOR REFORMERS.

As a matter of news and that our brethren and friends may see for themselves the attitude of certain newspapers and individuals in North Carolina towards our cause and its advocates and officers, we give below an article just as it appeared, editorial comments and all, in the *Charlotte Observer* of March 18th. Read it carefully.

## A TRUMPET CALL IN IREDELL—THE DEMOCRACY AROUSED

Yesterday's mail brought the *Observer* a call for a Democratic mass meeting at Statesville to-morrow, as follows:

GRAND RALLY OF TRUE DEMOCRATS! SATURDAY NEXT, MARCH 19, AT STATESVILLE.

EVERYBODY COME. JUST DROP EVERYTHING AND COME RIGHT ALONG.

On that day Marion Butler, Harry Skinner and others are advertised to speak.

These gentlemen and their coadjutors are understood to be now at work preparing to capture the Democratic conventions this year, for the purpose of laying down a platform equivalent to that of the Third party and nominating candidates in sympathy therewith, thus really perverting the Democratic party into the Third party in all except the name.

Those of us who are true to the old safe and sound Democratic faith must awake and bestir ourselves to checkmate this cunning and dangerous game.

Let the true Democrats of Iredell rally and come out on Saturday. Give one day to preserving the purity and unity of the genuine Democratic party, which is the best hope and sheet anchor of the people.

There will be speakers here to advocate true Democracy if the opportunity is afforded. Maj. Wm. M. Robbins and W. D. Turner will speak upon the present outlook of politics in North Carolina, and the duty of all true men in the present critical posture of affairs.

Rally, Democrats, rally, and let's have a field day. MANY CITIZENS. "Many Citizens" see the situation as it is. They state with exact accuracy the purpose entertained by Butler, Skinner and all the rest of that kidney, and propose to meet it as men should always meet grave issues: boldly and above board. The names of the two gentlemen given as speakers "upon the present outlook of politics in North Carolina" are an assurance that the Third party prophets in disguise who have an appointment in Statesville for to-morrow will have occasion to seriously regret ever having made it.

The stand-up policy adopted in Iredell is the one that must be adopted by the Democrats all over the State unless they are willing to surrender everything and be put to open shame. There is hope in an appeal to the common sense and the Democracy of the people, but if the craven policy is longer pursued all is lost, self-respect included.

Closing an editorial on the same line in the same paper, we find this:

"The game is beginning to be everywhere understood and resolution is taking the place of cowardice. An avalanche is gathering and woe unto him who undertakes to stand before it."

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## THE THIRD PARTY ORGANIZED IN TENNESSEE AND WHO COMPOSE IT.

Be it remembered that the Governor, all the State officers and a large majority of the legislature of the State of Tennessee are Democratic. That the party in the State is thoroughly organized with committees and all necessary machinery to do the work of a campaign, then read the following about the Judge Turney clubs, which are "the Third party" in Tennessee:

Special to the Louisville Courier Journal.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 10.—Probably the most important political gathering that has been held in Tennessee in many years was called to order in the Senate chamber of the State Capitol at 2 o'clock this afternoon. There were lawyers, merchants, doctors and farmers present, and men from all grades of political and private life. Altogether there were 150 men present.

The object of the gathering as set forth in the speeches made was to re-deem the Democratic party from the Alliance and Third party advocates, the plan being to at once arouse Democrats all over the State to the sense of their danger and to make men seeking office declare their positions. The meeting was not a Turney meeting, but a straight Democratic meeting of opposition to Governor Buchanan, and in favor of clean cut Democratic principles, with Judge Turney as the at present most prominent exponent. Ex-Governor James D. Porter was called to the chair, and said the object of the meeting was to maintain Democratic supremacy over a hostile organization that would otherwise make a side show of the party. The party must demand that men no longer pursue a policy of silence and stand by men who stand on Democratic principles.

A resolution by E. W. Carmack was unanimously adopted authorizing the chair to appoint a State central committee of fifteen members to aid in the organization of Judge Turney clubs, to appoint sub-committees in each Congressional district and they in turn to appoint county committees.

Hon. Frank P. Bond, of Brownsville, urged that Democrats rally around Judge Turney as the exponent of pure and clean Democracy.

Tulley Brown of Nashville, made a red hot speech attacking secret oath-bound organizations that used Democracy's hand to pull chestnuts from the fire.

Hon. S. F. Wilson made a violent attack on the present administration. If Governor Buchanan stood on the Democratic platform and was not in accord with the Ocala demands and the St. Louis platform, he said the people were greatly misled and misled by the consent of the Governor. Had he ever repudiated the Ocala demands? If he had, he had concealed it from the public, and a Democrat who would conceal his views on any public question was unworthy of confidence.

E. W. Carmack said the Alliance had been captured by demagogues who had learned no farming, except to farm the farmers. They were tilling the tillers of the soil and making more than they ever made working for themselves. "Who ruled one free man should himself be free," and no man could be faithful to the Alliance without being unfaithful to the Democratic party.

The Hon. Frank P. Bond offered the following:

"Resolved, That this is not the year for claims or cowards, and that it is due to the people that men in public places speak out the true Democracy or we will not give them our support."

There was some opposition to using the word "coward," and the following substitute was offered and adopted:

"Resolved, That it is due to the people from those who occupy public places that they deal frankly with the people and should speak out on public questions and let their opinions be known, and that a failure to do so stamps them as unworthy of the support of the people."

The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the chair."

## NONSENSE THIS.

A Florida paper suggests that the farmers go back to the old shuck collars, bring out the old candle moulds, reinstate the spinning wheel and loom and do other nonsensical things. If this all could be done to advantage we would be for it. But that would tend to break up the manufacturing business. We think the factory loom has a perfect right to supplant the old-fashioned hand loom, but the people must get something for their products and get manufactured goods at reasonable prices in order to be able to buy such things. Of course a good many people need to be more economical than they are.

## SUB-TREASURY ON TOP.

You can't down the Sub-Treasury. It may get bruised up now and then but it always comes up smiling and looking more useful than ever.

Speaking of it as a part of the St. Louis platform, the *Economist* says:

The Sub Treasury plan, after all the unkind treatment it has received at the hands of those who were filled with some other scheme, assumed its proper place in the St. Louis demands just as naturally as water seeks a level, and why should any one wonder at it? This plan has been the bulwark and educator of this, the greatest reform movement of modern times. It has been read and discussed by more people than any other economic question of the present century. While the tariff has been discussed at a much greater length, the few have done the talking and writing while the many have been blindly followed. Not so with the Sub-Treasury. It is the many who

have read, debated and analyzed, while the few looked on in wonder and alarm. Because of this the people demanded it in their platform where all good, true reformers are expected to defend and declare it.

## BUT HE WAS NOT PLENTY.

Some of the editors of this country, in order to be on the wrong side, or to please somebody, have a way of saying "that money is plenty." The *Hickory Mercury* tells the following about one in Western North Carolina who got into a hole by such assertions:

"It's said, some time ago, an editor in Western North Carolina said in his paper that money was plenty. A farmer saw it, and, as he wanted \$75 to finish paying for some real estate, went to town, and, after trying all over town to borrow the money, on mortgage or good security, and failed, he tackled this wise, truthful editor. Before the farmer got out the proposition, the editor says, 'friend, I haven't \$3 to save my life.' The farmer said, 'I saw in your paper that money was plenty, but I can't find it.' The editor dropped his head and left him. So when you hear a man say money is plenty, ask him to loan you some, or tell you a man who has it to loan, and you've got him."

## A CRISIS APPROACHING.

"There is scarcely a day that does not bring forth evidence of the fact that the Alliance is growing into a separate and distinct political party in this State.

If there is not a separate organization before the State Convention the Third party element will attempt to run the thing. In the event of failure they will bolt. With this well understood before going into the convention, is there anything binding on the true Democracy to support the nominees of the May Convention should the Third party element happen to be in the majority, make a platform and nominate candidates to suit themselves?

Who think not. The *Sentinel* some time ago favored meeting the issue squarely and without fear. The *Charlotte Observer* has the right conception of the situation and has fallen into line with the *Sentinel* as follows:

"It is really hardly worth while to talk about this thing here in North Carolina. Our politicians are so tender-footed, they are so anxious for success, no matter at what sacrifice, no matter how meaningless and barren the victory may be after it is won that they cannot resolve to abandon the policy of cowardice. It is with them 'Sh! down! don't say a word! You'll injure the party!'—as if a party were worth saving after it has been so emasculated that none of these things that give vitality to it remain, after its platform has been so warped that it no longer bears any resemblance to a Democratic platform at all."

No Alliancemen are as good Democrats as anybody, if they choose to be, and have equal rights with any other class in the Democratic Conventions—of course they have. But no man has any right to come into these conventions insisting upon anti Democratic doctrines and already resolved to bolt unless they are permitted to pervert the party. Unless we all go in on the same footing, as Democrats pure and simple, and recognizing the fact that the action taken has the same binding effect on all, there is no fairness about it! The Democratic State Executive Committee ought to issue an address saying as much but it never will because it hasn't the necessary nerve."

Editor Caldwell is a member of the State Executive Committee. His nerve seems to be alright. Wonder if he hasn't some to spare—enough to brace at least a majority of the Committee up to the point of doing their duty."

Suppose you try it Mr. Caldwell. *Twin City Sentinel*.

The foregoing explains itself and answers itself. THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER has already said that those who abuse the Third party most would be the first to bolt the regular organization if they find they cannot control it. Now we see that in the very same editorial in which they abuse "Alliance Democrats" for wanting to form a Third party if they cannot control the convention, they express their own determination to bolt if they cannot control it! In the very same editorial in which they arrogate the privilege of determining what true democracy is, they forbid the "Alliance Democrats" to exercise the same privilege! Such blind and arrogant inconsistency is rare even for the partisan press. Verily the boss of the hard-

## EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY.

The *Kansas Commoner* tells the following about one of the "evidences of prosperity" that recently found in that State:

The Western Farm Mortgage & Trust Company, which was organized a few years ago in Lawrence, Kansas, but now in Denver, Colorado, failed one day last week. It was capitalized for \$3,000,000. The press reports that the interest was high, and farmers unable to pay was the cause of the failure. When it was known that the company would fail, another company was organized and all the property turned over to the new company to cheat creditors. We saw company that failed because they proposed this company prospered, and farmers were paying some of the money. We suggest that firm assist members of this bureau in Kansas other Republican speaker of the St. this fall in saving the credit of the State.

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